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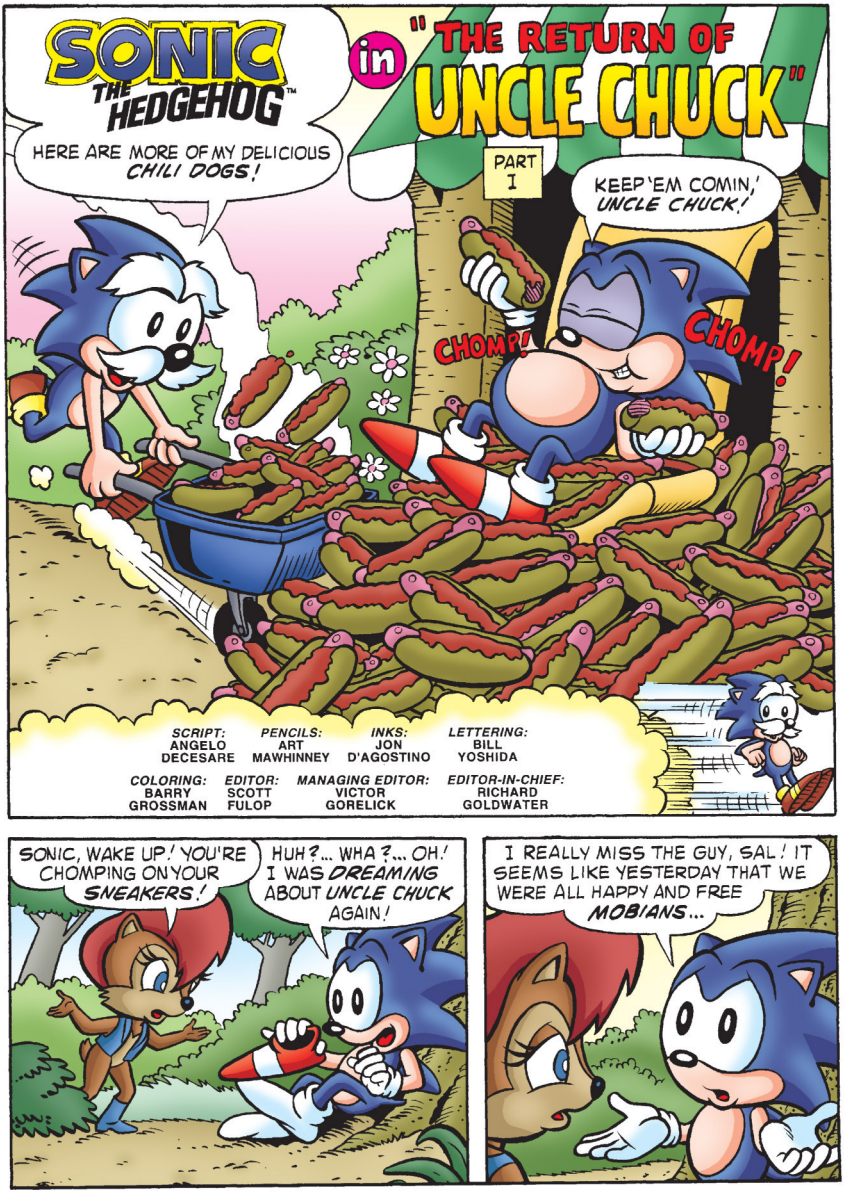
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in
"THE RETURN OF UNCLE CHUCK"
PART I
HERE ARE MORE OF MY DELICIOUS CHILI DOGS!
KEEP 'EM COMIN, UNCLE CHUCK!
CHOMP!
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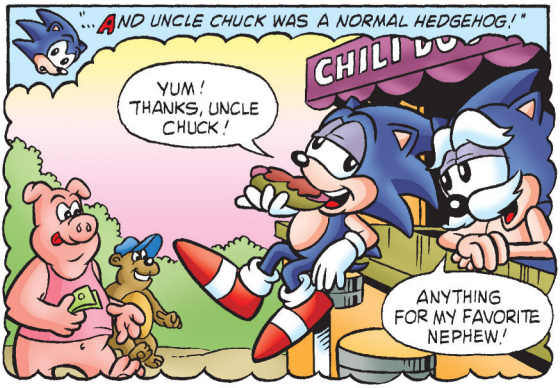
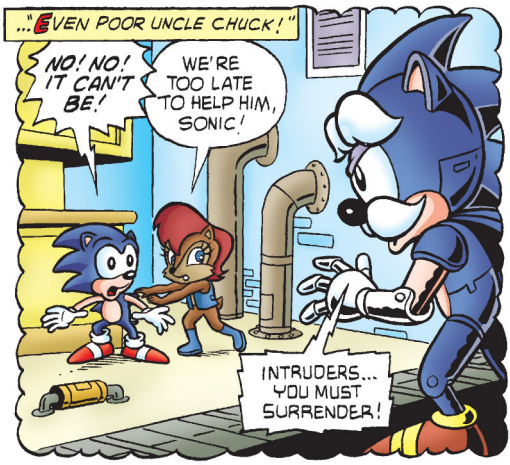
SONIC, WAKE UP! YOU'RE CHOMPING ON YOUR SNEAKERS!
HUH?... WHA?... OH! I WAS DREAMING ABOUT UNCLE CHUCK AGAIN!

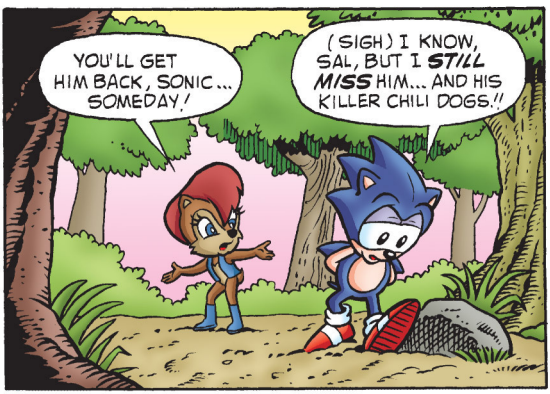
I REALLY MISS THE GUY, SAL! IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY THAT WE WERE ALL HAPPY AND FREE MOBIANS...


"...AND UNCLE CHUCK WAS A NORMAL HEDGEHOG!"
CHILI DO
YUM! THANKS, UNCLE CHUCK!
ANYTHING FOR MY FAVORITE NEPHEW!

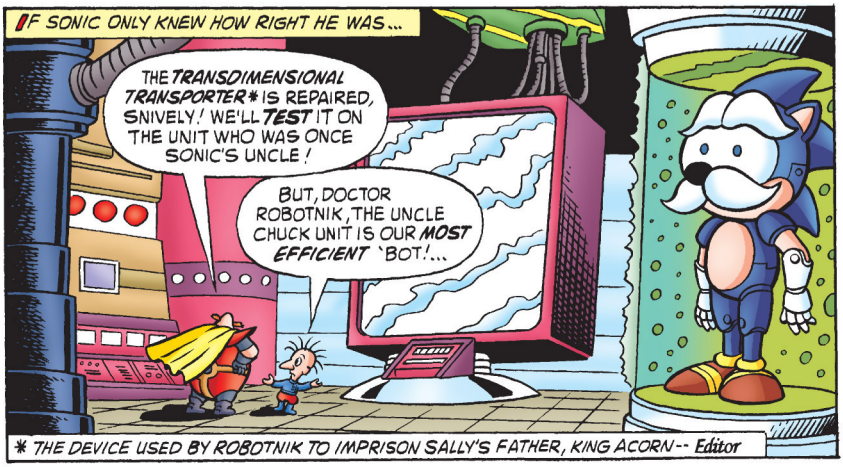
THEN ROBOTNIK STARTED TAKING OVER THE PLANET AND TURNING FOLKS INTO 'BOTS...


..."EVEN POOR UNCLE CHUCK!"
NO! NO! IT CAN'T BE!
WE'RE TOO LATE TO HELP HIM, SONIC!
INTRUDERS... YOU MUST SURRENDER!

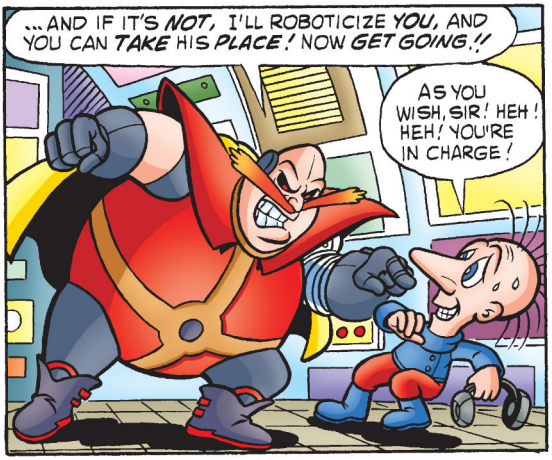
I SWORE I'D FIND A WAY TO SAVE UNCLE CHUCK FROM BEING JUST ANOTHER MINDLESS SLAVE, BUT I'VE PUNKED OUT... BIG TIME!!!


YOU'LL GET HIM BACK, SONIC... SOMEDAY!
(SIGH) I KNOW, SAL, BUT I STILL MISS HIM... AND HIS KILLER CHILI DOGS!!

THE THING IS HE'S PROBABLY HELPING ROBOTNIK PLAN OUR DESTRUCTION AS WE SPEAK!


IF SONIC ONLY KNEW HOW RIGHT HE WAS...
THE TRANSDIMENSIONAL TRANSPORTER* IS REPAIRED, SNIVELY! WE'LL TEST IT ON THE UNIT WHO WAS ONCE SONIC'S UNCLE!
BUT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, THE UNCLE CHUCK UNIT IS OUR MOST EFFICIENT 'BOT!...
* THE DEVICE USED BY ROBOTNIK TO IMPRISON SALLY'S FATHER, KING ACORN -- Editor

IDIOT!
IF THE TEST PROVES SUCCESSFUL, WE CAN BRING HIM BACK!!


...AND IF IT'S NOT, I'LL ROBOTICIZE YOU, AND YOU CAN TAKE HIS PLACE! NOW GET GOING!!
AS YOU WISH, SIR! HEH! HEH! YOU'RE IN CHARGE!

BUT HOW YOU GOT TO BE IN CHARGE IS A MYSTERY!
WHAT WAS THAT?!

UH... I SAID... YOU'LL GO DOWN IN HISTORY!
... I'LL START THE TEST, SIR...
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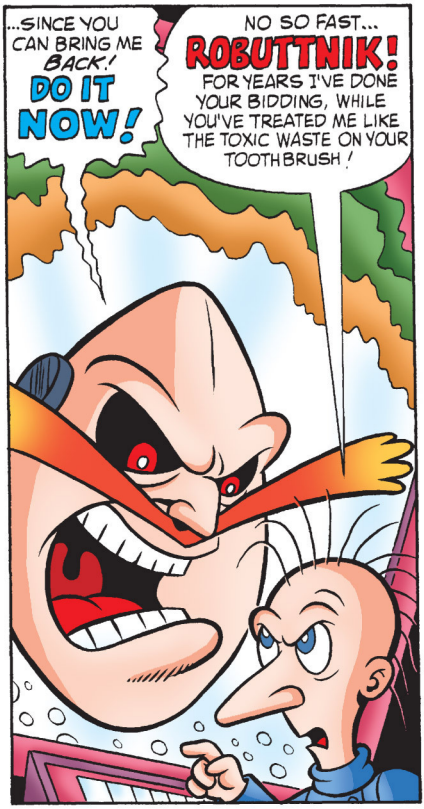
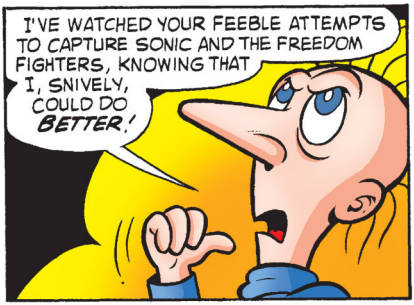
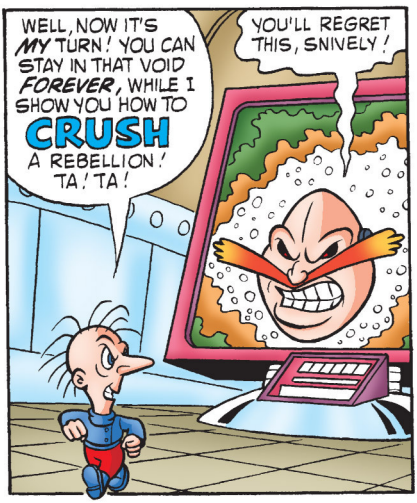
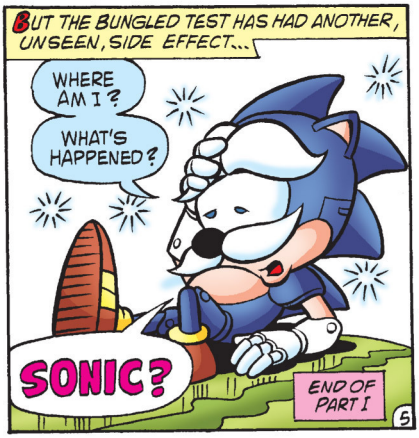
...AS SOON AS I RUN A QUICK TEST ON THE POWER LINES!
IMBECILE! WHY ARE YOU RUNNING A TEST OF A TEST?!
I'LL DO IT MYSELF!!
BUT, SIR, I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD...
FRZZAAPP!
GAAHHHH!!
NNNOOOo...
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK? ...WHERE ARE YOU?
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...
EEEP!
I'M HERE, SNIVELY, IN THE VOID!
IT SEEMS THAT THERE WAS A LITTLE ACCIDENT, BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER...


...SINCE YOU CAN BRING ME BACK! DO IT NOW!
NO SO FAST... ROBUTTNIK! FOR YEARS I'VE DONE YOUR BIDDING, WHILE YOU'VE TREATED ME LIKE THE TOXIC WASTE ON YOUR TOOTHBRUSH!


I'VE WATCHED YOUR FEEBLE ATTEMPTS TO CAPTURE SONIC AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, KNOWING THAT I, SNIVELY, COULD DO BETTER!


WELL, NOW IT'S MY TURN! YOU CAN STAY IN THAT VOID FOREVER, WHILE I SHOW YOU HOW TO CRUSH A REBELLION! TA! TA!
YOU'LL REGRET THIS, SNIVELY!

SNIVELY!
SNIVELY!


BUT THE BUNGLED TEST HAS HAD ANOTHER, UNSEEN, SIDE EFFECT...
WHERE AM I?
WHAT'S HAPPENED?
SONIC?
END OF PART I
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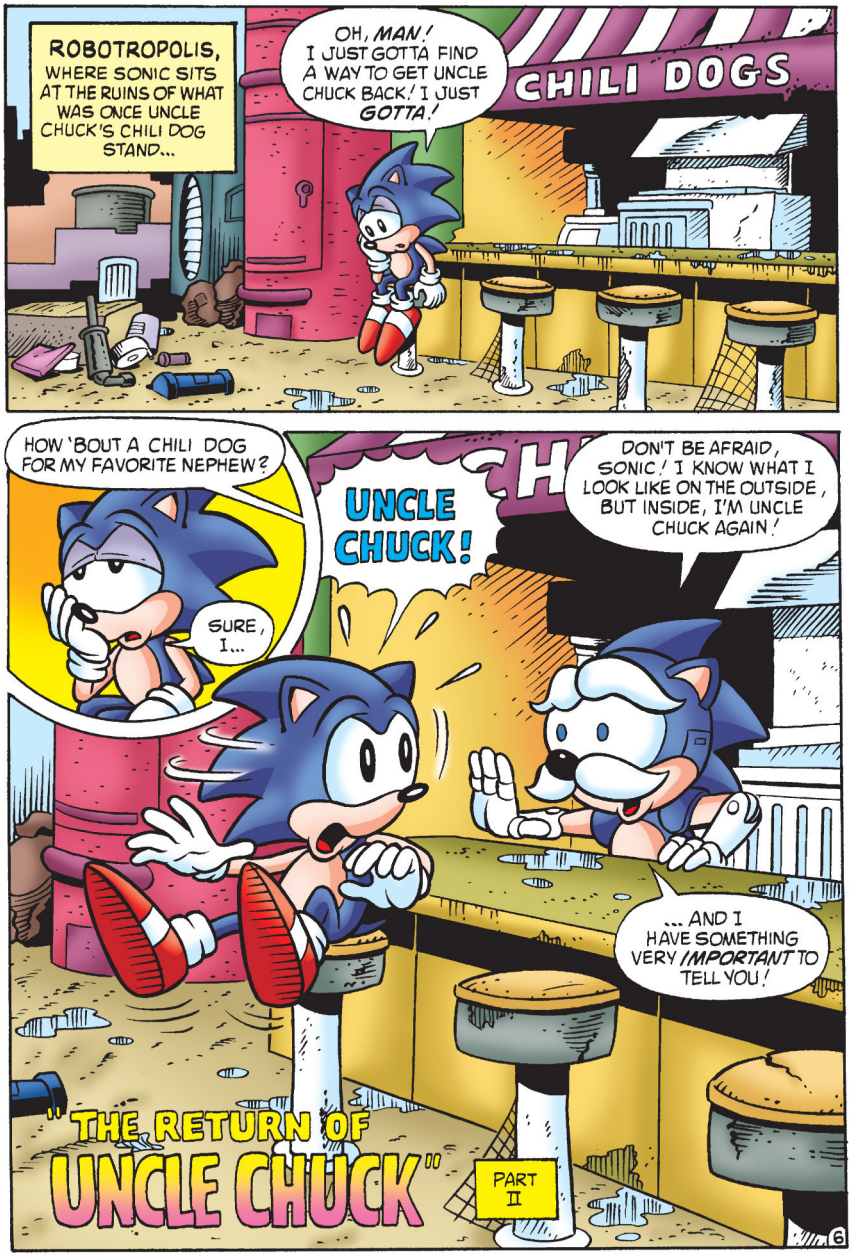
ROBOTROPOLIS, WHERE SONIC SITS AT THE RUINS OF WHAT WAS ONCE UNCLE CHUCK'S CHILI DOG STAND...
OH, MAN! I JUST GOTTA FIND A WAY TO GET UNCLE CHUCK BACK! I JUST GOTTA!
CHILI DOGS
HOW 'BOUT A CHILI DOG FOR MY FAVORITE NEPHEW?
SURE, I...
UNCLE CHUCK!
DON'T BE AFRAID, SONIC! I KNOW WHAT I LOOK LIKE ON THE OUTSIDE, BUT INSIDE, I'M UNCLE CHUCK AGAIN!
... AND I HAVE SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU!
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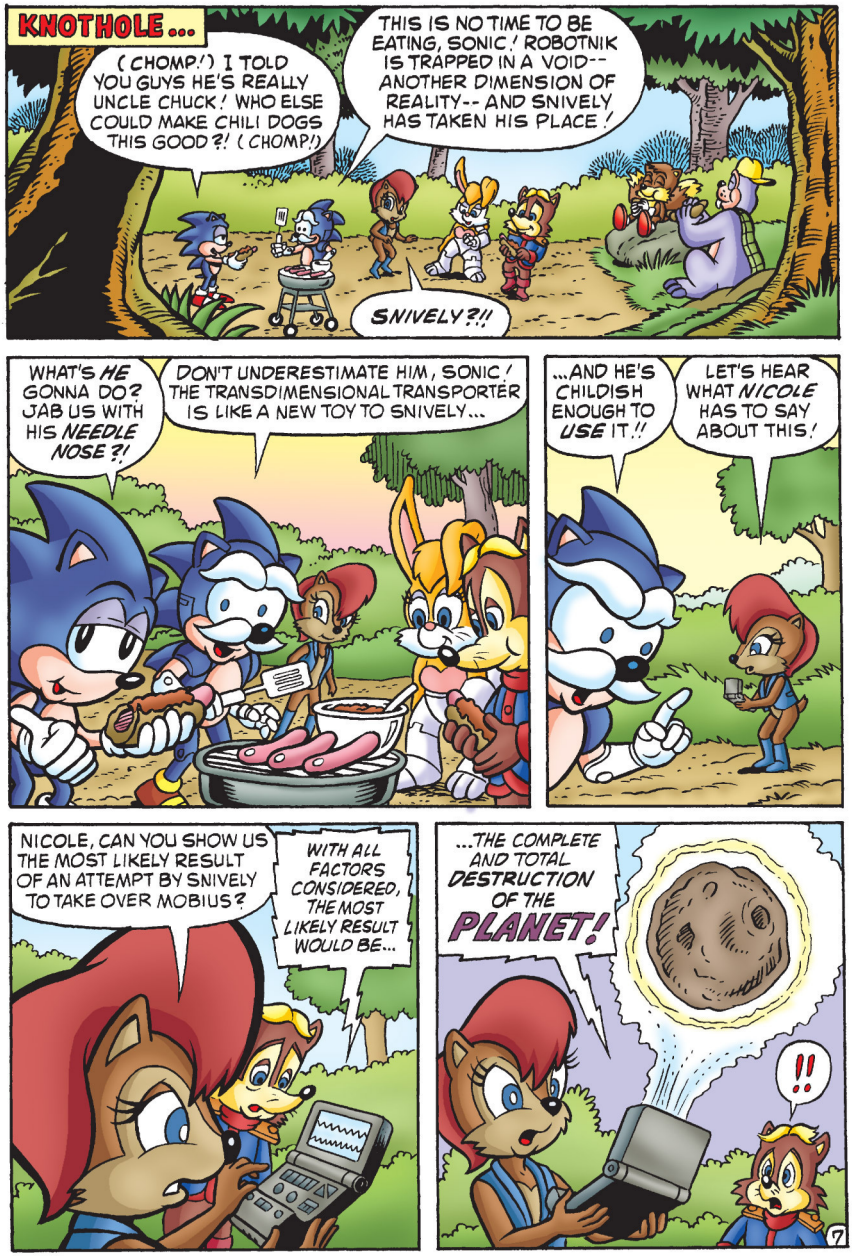
KNOTHOLE...
(CHOMP!) I TOLD YOU GUYS HE'S REALLY UNCLE CHUCK! WHO ELSE COULD MAKE CHILI DOGS THIS GOOD?! (CHOMP!)
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE EATING, SONIC! ROBOTNIK IS TRAPPED IN A VOID-- ANOTHER DIMENSION OF REALITY-- AND SNIVELY HAS TAKEN HIS PLACE!
SNIVELY?!!
WHAT'S HE GONNA DO? JAB US WITH HIS NEEDLE NOSE?!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM, SONIC! THE TRANSDIMENSIONAL TRANSPORTER IS LIKE A NEW TOY TO SNIVELY...
...AND HE'S CHILDISH ENOUGH TO USE IT!!
LET'S HEAR WHAT NICOLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT THIS!
NICOLE, CAN YOU SHOW US THE MOST LIKELY RESULT OF AN ATTEMPT BY SNIVELY TO TAKE OVER MOBIUS?
WITH ALL FACTORS CONSIDERED, THE MOST LIKELY RESULT WOULD BE...
...THE COMPLETE AND TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE PLANET!
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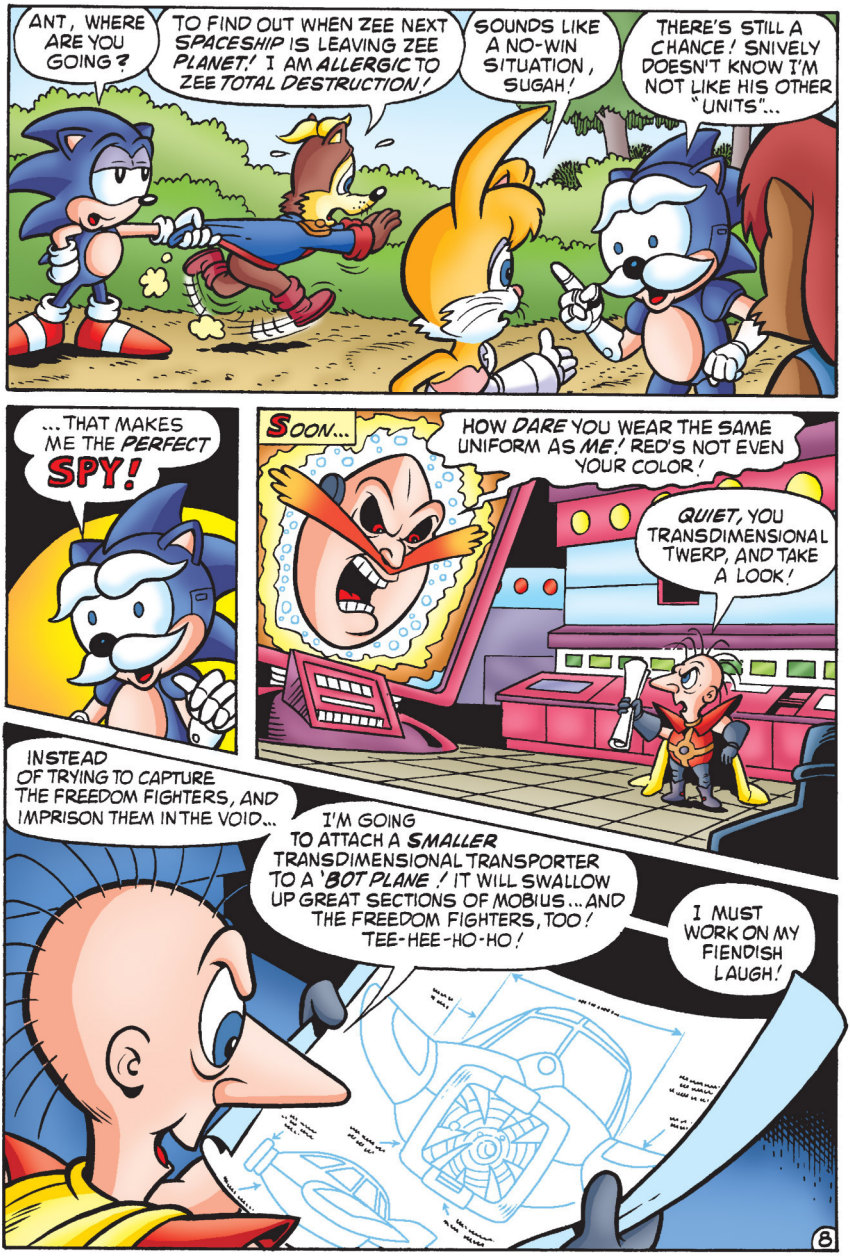
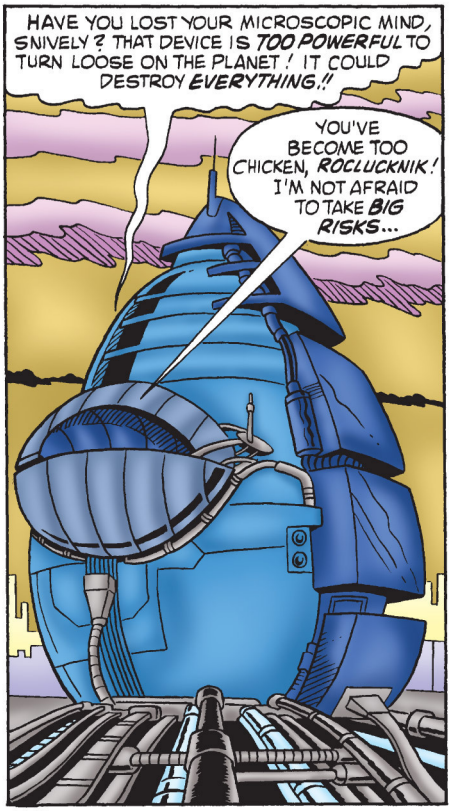
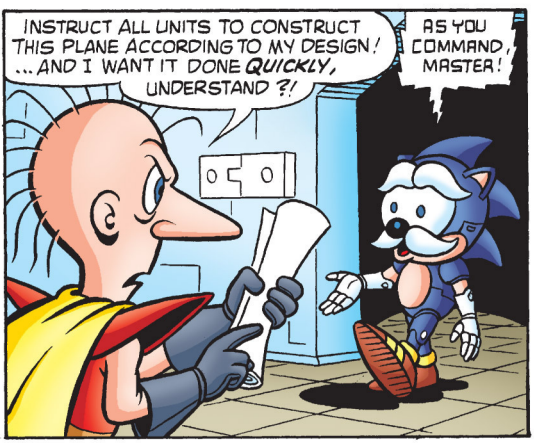

ANT, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO FIND OUT WHEN ZEE NEXT SPACESHIP IS LEAVING ZEE PLANET, I AM ALLERGIC TO ZEE TOTAL DESTRUCTION!
SOUNDS LIKE A NO-WIN SITUATION, SUGAH!
THERE'S STILL A CHANCE! SNIVELY DOESN'T KNOW I'M NOT LIKE HIS OTHER "UNITS"...
...THAT MAKES ME THE PERFECT SPY!
SOON...
HOW DARE YOU WEAR THE SAME UNIFORM AS ME! RED'S NOT EVEN YOUR COLOR!
QUIET, YOU TRANSDIMENSIONAL TWERP, AND TAKE A LOOK!
INSTEAD OF TRYING TO CAPTURE THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, AND IMPRISON THEM IN THE VOID...
I'M GOING TO ATTACH A SMALLER TRANSDIMENSIONAL TRANSPORTER TO A 'BOT PLANE! IT WILL SWALLOW UP GREAT SECTIONS OF MOBIUS... AND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS, TOO! TEE-HEE-HO-HO!
I MUST WORK ON MY FIENDISH LAUGH!


HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MICROSCOPIC MIND, SNIVELY? THAT DEVICE IS TOO POWERFUL TO TURN LOOSE ON THE PLANET! IT COULD DESTROY EVERYTHING!!
YOU'VE BECOME TOO CHICKEN, ROCLUCKNIK! I'M NOT AFRAID TO TAKE BIG RISKS...

...THAT'S WHY I'LL SUCCEED!
WHO'S THAT?
CLANK!

OH, IT'S YOU! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? I'VE GOT A JOB FOR YOU!


INSTRUCT ALL UNITS TO CONSTRUCT THIS PLANE ACCORDING TO MY DESIGN! ...AND I WANT IT DONE QUICKLY, UNDERSTAND?!
AS YOU COMMAND, MASTER!

... AND THEN I'VE GOT TO CONTACT SONIC! THIS IS WAY PAST SERIOUS!

LATER...
HEY, UNC! I HATE TO EAT AND RUN... BUT WITH YOUR CHILI DOGS I'LL MAKE AN EXCEPTION!
SNIVELY HAS ALL UNITS WORKING AT TOP SPEED, SONIC! YOU'VE GOT TO STOP THAT 'BOT PLANE FROM TAKING OFF...
SKREE!!
... WHILE I TEND TO ANOTHER IMPORTANT MATTER! GOOD LUCK, SONIC... YOU MUST NOT FAIL.!!
INSIDE...
UNCLE CHUCK SAID THE 'BOT PLANE WAS IN THE HANGAR...
... BUT HOW CAN I TRASH SOMETHING I CAN'T EVEN FIND...
VROOOM!
HUH...?!
WHOOOOAAAAAAAAAA...
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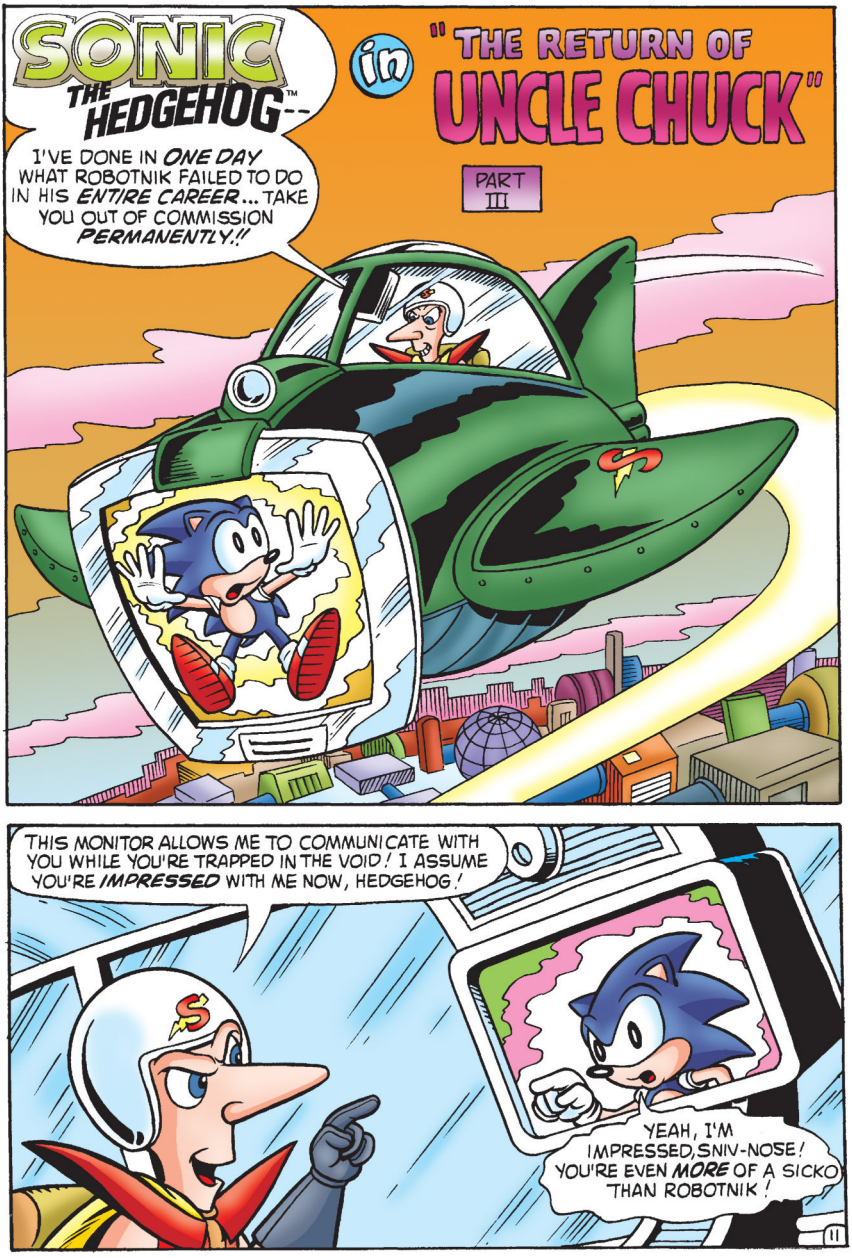
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PART III
I'VE DONE IN ONE DAY WHAT ROBOTNIK FAILED TO DO IN HIS ENTIRE CAREER... TAKE YOU OUT OF COMMISSION PERMANENTLY!!
THIS MONITOR ALLOWS ME TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU WHILE YOU'RE TRAPPED IN THE VOID! I ASSUME YOU'RE IMPRESSED WITH ME NOW, HEDGEHOG!
YEAH, I'M IMPRESSED, SNIV-NOSE! YOU'RE EVEN MORE OF A SICKO THAN ROBOTNIK!
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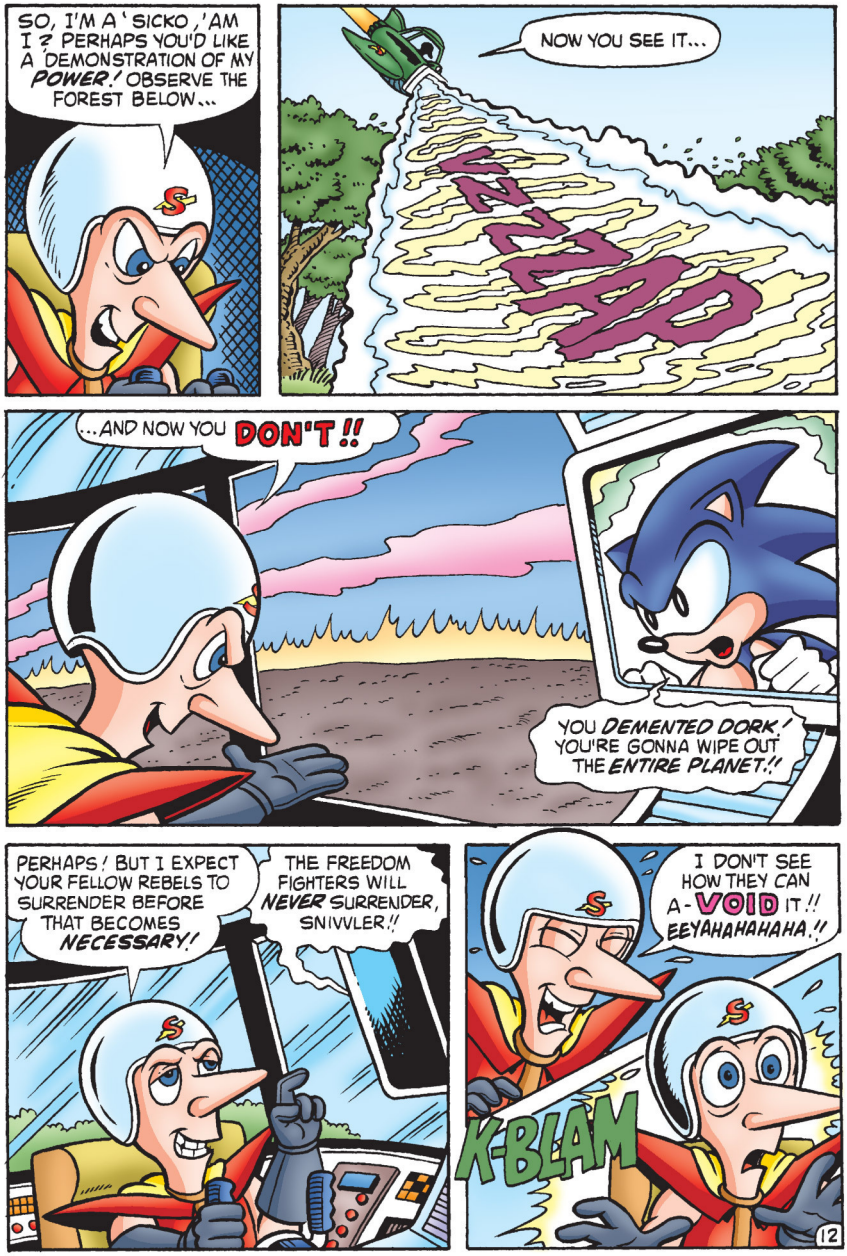
SO, I'M A 'SICKO,' AM I? PERHAPS YOU'D LIKE A DEMONSTRATION OF MY POWER! OBSERVE THE FOREST BELOW...
NOW YOU SEE IT...
ZZZAP
...AND NOW YOU DON'T!!
YOU DEMENTED DORK! YOU'RE GONNA WIPE OUT THE ENTIRE PLANET!!
PERHAPS! BUT I EXPECT YOUR FELLOW REBELS TO SURRENDER BEFORE THAT BECOMES NECESSARY!
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WILL NEVER SURRENDER, SNIVVLER!!
I DON'T SEE HOW THEY CAN A-VOID IT!! EEYAHAHAHAHA!!
K-BLAM
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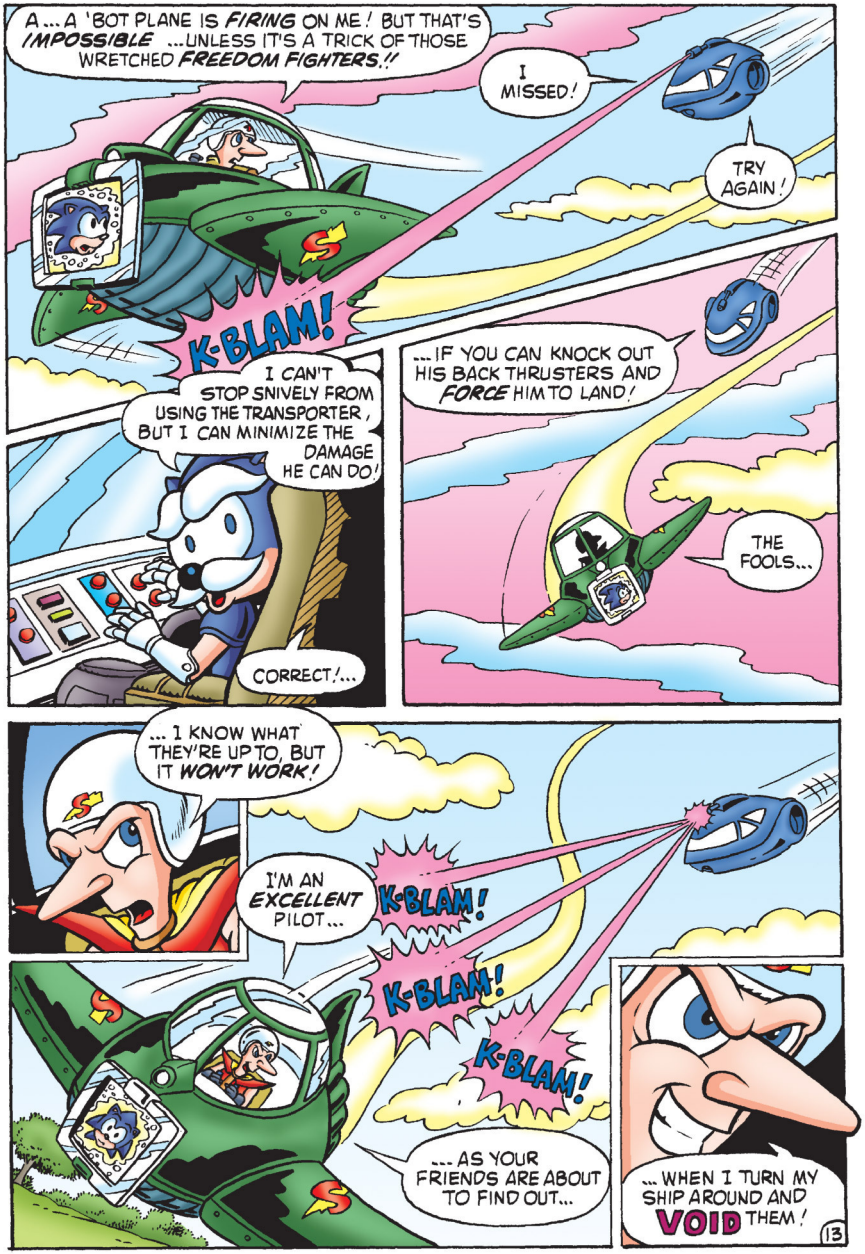
A... A 'BOT PLANE IS FIRING ON ME! BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE ...UNLESS IT'S A TRICK OF THOSE WRETCHED FREEDOM FIGHTERS.!!
I MISSED!
TRY AGAIN!
K-BLAM!
I CAN'T STOP SNIVELY FROM USING THE TRANSPORTER, BUT I CAN MINIMIZE THE DAMAGE HE CAN DO!
CORRECT!...
...IF YOU CAN KNOCK OUT HIS BACK THRUSTERS AND FORCE HIM TO LAND!
THE FOOLS...
... I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE UP TO, BUT IT WON'T WORK!
I'M AN EXCELLENT PILOT...
K-BLAM!
K-BLAM!
K-BLAM!
... AS YOUR FRIENDS ARE ABOUT TO FIND OUT...
... WHEN I TURN MY SHIP AROUND AND VOID THEM!
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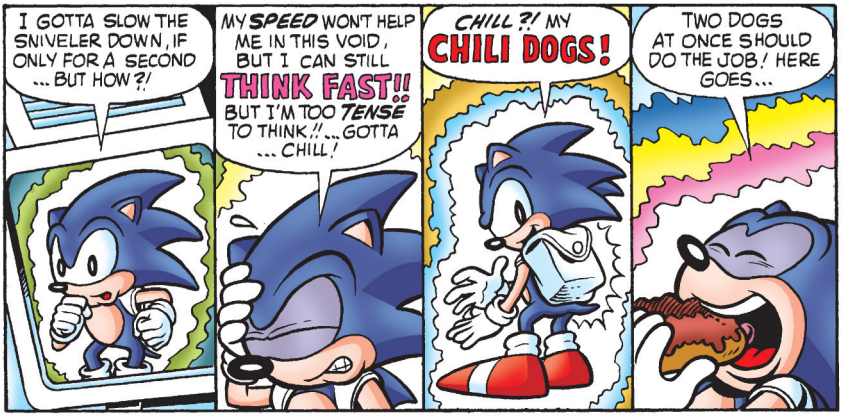
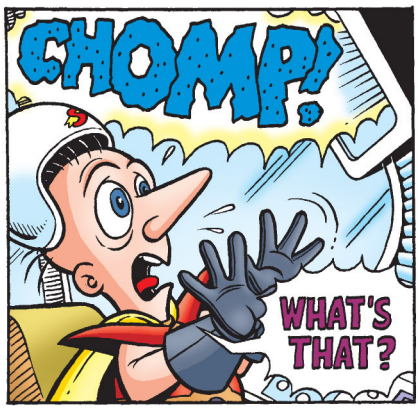
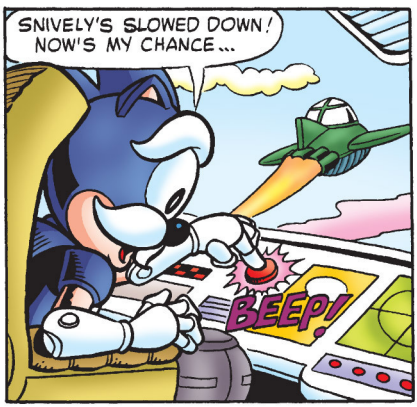
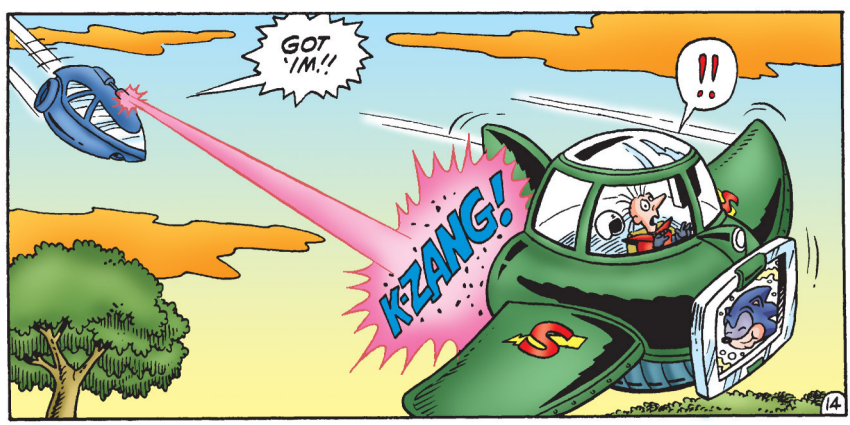

I GOTTA SLOW THE SNIVELER DOWN, IF ONLY FOR A SECOND ... BUT HOW?!
MY SPEED WON'T HELP ME IN THIS VOID, BUT I CAN STILL THINK FAST!! BUT I'M TOO TENSE TO THINK!! ...GOTTA ... CHILL!
CHILL?! MY CHILI DOGS!
TWO DOGS AT ONCE SHOULD DO THE JOB! HERE GOES...


CHOMP!
WHAT'S THAT?


SNIVELY'S SLOWED DOWN! NOW'S MY CHANCE...
BEEP!


GOT 'IM!!
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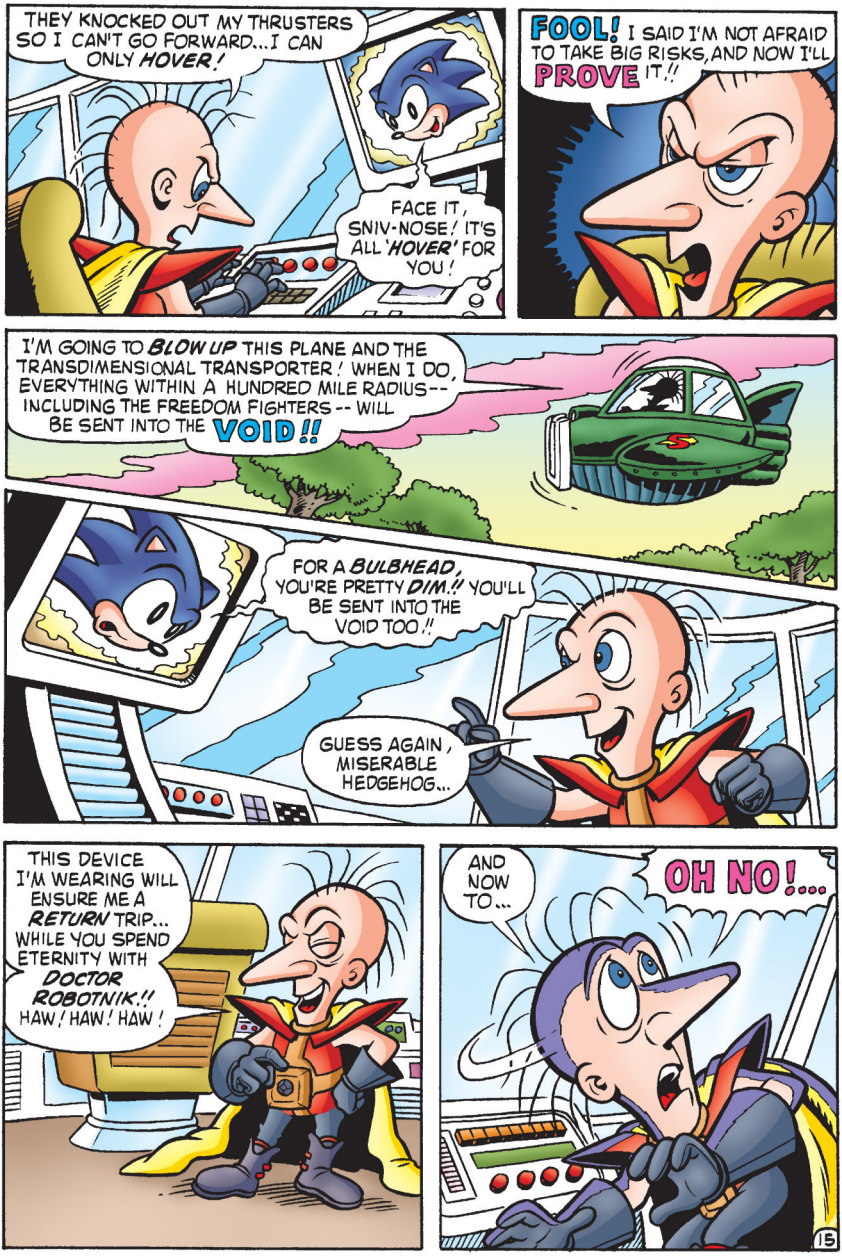
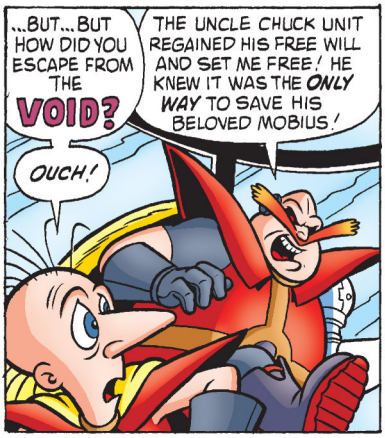
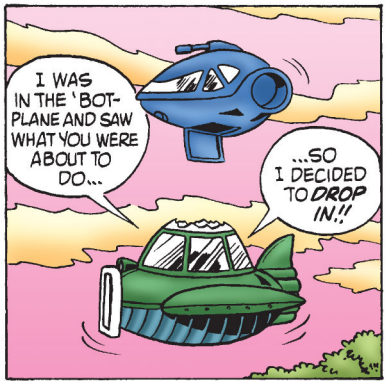
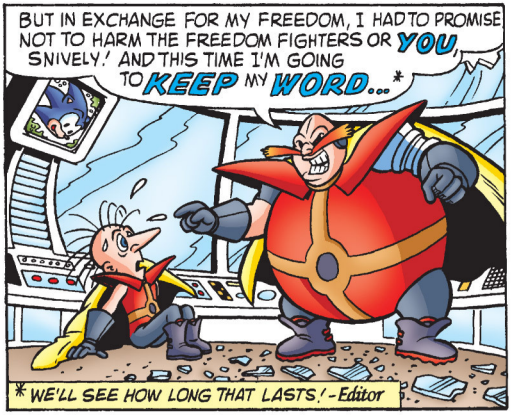
K-ZANG!


THEY KNOCKED OUT MY THRUSTERS SO I CAN'T GO FORWARD...I CAN ONLY HOVER!
FACE IT, SNIV-NOSE! IT'S ALL 'HOVER' FOR YOU!
FOOL! I SAID I'M NOT AFRAID TO TAKE BIG RISKS, AND NOW I'LL PROVE IT!!
I'M GOING TO BLOW UP THIS PLANE AND THE TRANSDIMENSIONAL TRANSPORTER! WHEN I DO, EVERYTHING WITHIN A HUNDRED MILE RADIUS-- INCLUDING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS -- WILL BE SENT INTO THE VOID!!
FOR A BULBHEAD, YOU'RE PRETTY DIM.!! YOU'LL BE SENT INTO THE VOID TOO.!!
GUESS AGAIN, MISERABLE HEDGEHOG...
THIS DEVICE I'M WEARING WILL ENSURE ME A RETURN TRIP... WHILE YOU SPEND ETERNITY WITH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK.!! HAW! HAW! HAW!
AND NOW TO...
OH NO!...

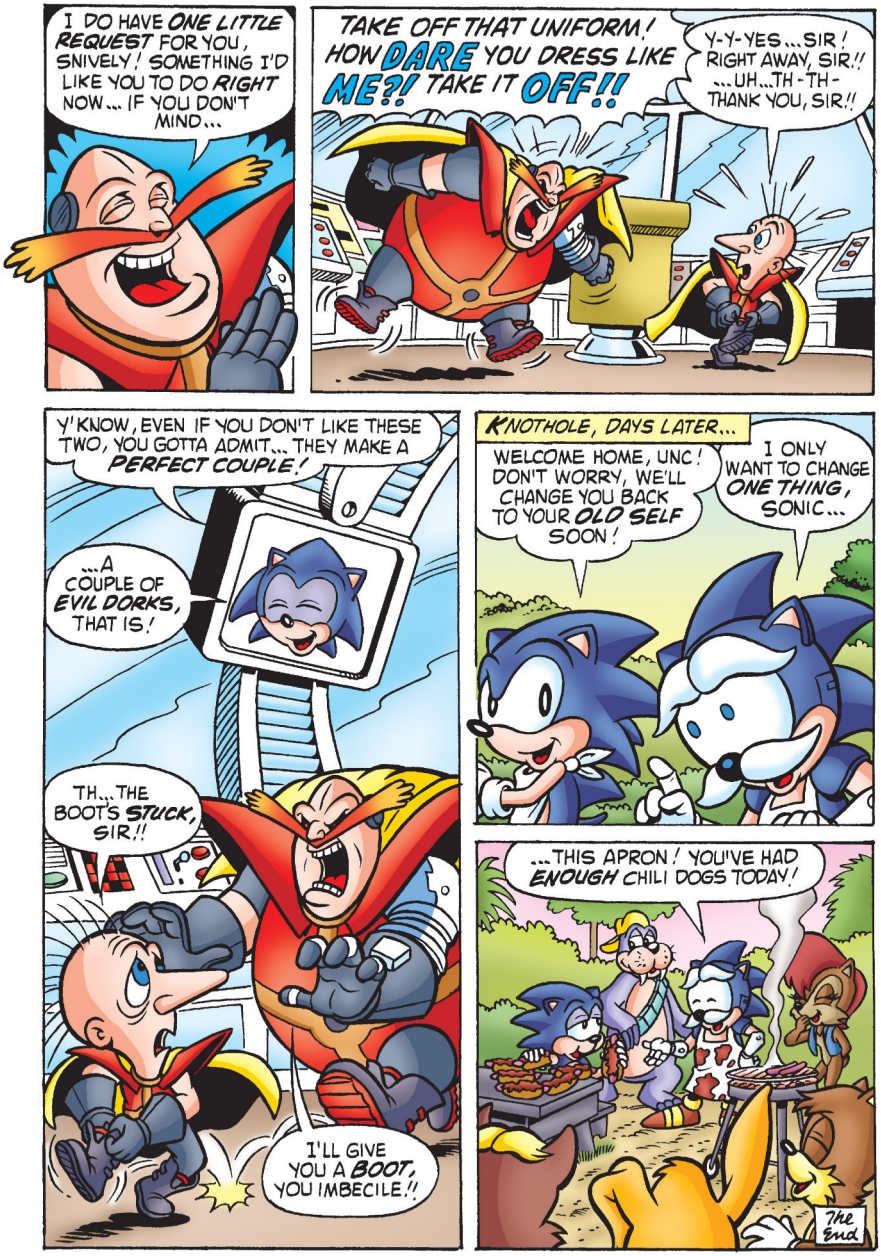
CRASH!
ROBOTNIK!!
WHAM!

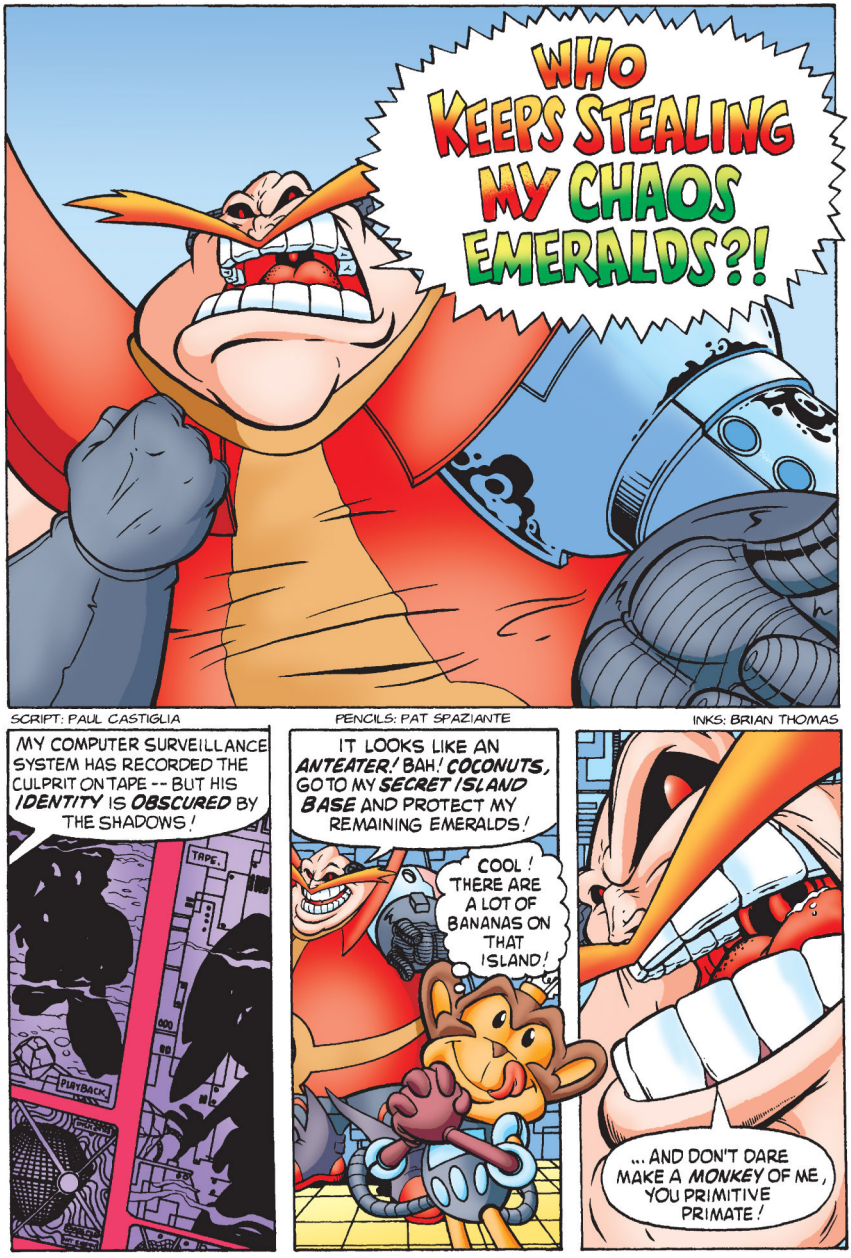

...BUT... BUT HOW DID YOU ESCAPE FROM THE VOID?
THE UNCLE CHUCK UNIT REGAINED HIS FREE WILL AND SET ME FREE! HE KNEW IT WAS THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE HIS BELOVED MOBIUS!
OUCH!


I WAS IN THE 'BOT-PLANE AND SAW WHAT YOU WERE ABOUT TO DO...
...SO I DECIDED TO DROP IN!!


BUT IN EXCHANGE FOR MY FREEDOM, I HAD TO PROMISE NOT TO HARM THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OR YOU, SNIVELY! AND THIS TIME I'M GOING TO KEEP MY WORD...*
* WE'LL SEE HOW LONG THAT LASTS! - Editor

... SO THAT WE CAN SPEND MANY, MANY HAPPY YEARS TOGETHER... WHILE I MAKE YOUR LIFE MISERABLE!!
GULP!!


I DO HAVE ONE LITTLE REQUEST FOR YOU, SNIVELY! SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TO DO RIGHT NOW... IF YOU DON'T MIND...
TAKE OFF THAT UNIFORM! HOW DARE YOU DRESS LIKE ME?! TAKE IT OFF!!
Y-Y-YES...SIR! RIGHT AWAY, SIR!! ...UH...TH-TH-THANK YOU, SIR!!
Y'KNOW, EVEN IF YOU DON'T LIKE THESE TWO, YOU GOTTA ADMIT... THEY MAKE A PERFECT COUPLE!
...A COUPLE OF EVIL DORKS, THAT IS!
TH...THE BOOT'S STUCK, SIR!!
I'LL GIVE YOU A BOOT, YOU IMBECILE!!
KNOTHOLE, DAYS LATER...
WELCOME HOME, UNC! DON'T WORRY, WE'LL CHANGE YOU BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF SOON!
I ONLY WANT TO CHANGE ONE THING, SONIC...
...THIS APRON! YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH CHILI DOGS TODAY!
The End


WHO KEEPS STEALING MY CHAOS EMERALDS?!
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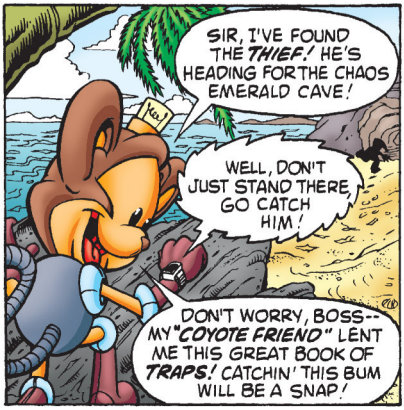
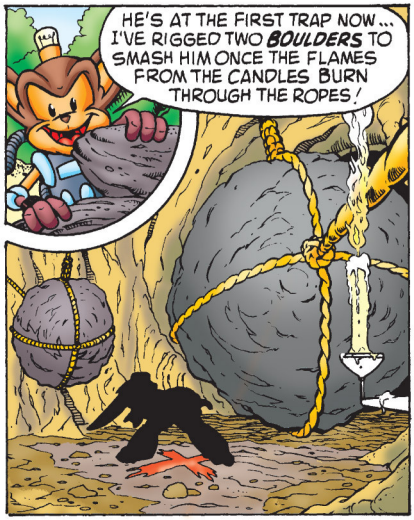
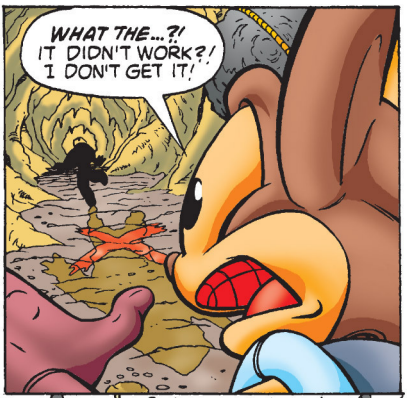
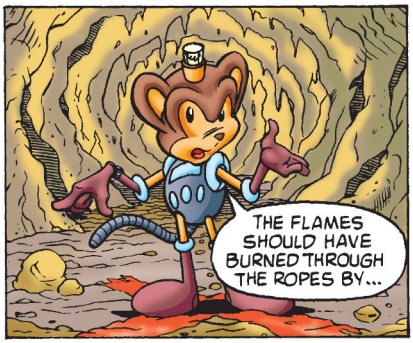
MY COMPUTER SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM HAS RECORDED THE CULPRIT ON TAPE -- BUT HIS *IDENTITY* IS *OBSCURED* BY THE SHADOWS!
TAPE.
PLAYBACK
IT LOOKS LIKE AN *ANTEATER!* BAH! *COCONUTS*, GO TO MY *SECRET ISLAND BASE* AND PROTECT MY REMAINING EMERALDS!
COOL! THERE ARE A LOT OF BANANAS ON THAT ISLAND!
... AND DON'T DARE MAKE A *MONKEY* OF ME, YOU PRIMITIVE PRIMATE!

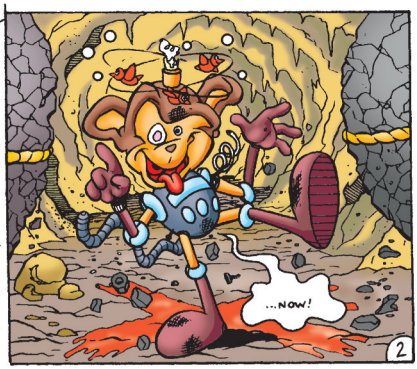

SIR, I'VE FOUND THE THIEF! HE'S HEADING FOR THE CHAOS EMERALD CAVE!
WELL, DON'T JUST STAND THERE, GO CATCH HIM!
DON'T WORRY, BOSS-- MY "COYOTE FRIEND" LENT ME THIS GREAT BOOK OF TRAPS! CATCHIN' THIS BUM WILL BE A SNAP!


HE'S AT THE FIRST TRAP NOW... I'VE RIGGED TWO BOULDERS TO SMASH HIM ONCE THE FLAMES FROM THE CANDLES BURN THROUGH THE ROPES!


WHAT THE...?! IT DIDN'T WORK?! I DON'T GET IT!


THE FLAMES SHOULD HAVE BURNED THROUGH THE ROPES BY...

SMASH!


...NOW!

"THIS ONE'S GOTTA WORK -- IT'S MY BREAK AWAY BRIDGE! JUST A LITTLE EXTRA WEIGHT AND IT'S BYE BYE ANTEATER!"
I DON'T BELIEVE IT -- THE CREEP ACTUALLY MADE IT ACROSS THE BRIDGE! BUT... HOW?!
HE SURE DIDN'T FLY OVER IT! I'D BETTER TEST IT OUT MYSELF...
I WONDER IF MY COYOTE BUDDY EVER WENT THROUGH THIS?!
LATER...
THIS ONE IS FOOL-PROOF -- AND I OUGHT TO KNOW! ALL THE THIEF HAS TO DO IS LIFT THE EMERALD AND... BOOM!
IT DIDN'T WORK!
SNATCH!!
I JUST DON'T GET IT! IT LOOKS SO SIMPLE HERE! ALL IT SAYS IS TO LIFT TAB A. FROM TAB B. AND...
CLICK!
SPROING!
TIC TIC TIC
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BOOM!
BACK AT THE RANCH...
YOU NINCOMPOOP! NOT ONLY DID YOU FAIL TO CATCH THE THIEF-- YOU NEVER EVEN CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HIM!
CRUNCH! GRIND!
ROBO WRECKER
YOU'VE THROWN A MONKEY WRENCH INTO THE WHOLE WORKS--BUT NOT EVEN THAT WRENCH CAN HELP YOU NOW!
JUST WAIT TILL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT COYOTE--IF I EVER GET MY HANDS BACK!
MEANWHILE...
CHARITY DANCE SATURDAY NIGHT
SO, SAL-- YOU THINK THESE EMERALDS WILL BE A HIT AT THE DANCE TONIGHT?
THEY'D BETTER BE--AFTER ALL THE "CHAOS" YOU WENT THROUGH TO GET 'EM!
SWEET HOME
TAILS!
END